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SUBJECT: APPARENT DOWNWARD REVISION OF 1976 COAL PRODUCTION
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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES UNABLE TO CONFIRM WHETHER 1976
COAL PRODUCTION TARGETS HAVE BEEN LOWERED, BUT CONSENSUS
VIEW IS THAT THIS MAY NOT RPT NOT HAVE OCCURRED.

2. TARGET OF 709 MILLION TONS REFERRED TO IN
SOCIALISTICHESKAYA INDUSTRIYA MAY BE TARGET FOR MINISTRY OF
COAL INDUSTRY, WHICH PRODUCES MORE THAN 99 PERCENT OF
SOVIET COAL. RESIDUAL PRODUCTION OUTSIDE OF THE
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MINISTRY, HOWEVER, COULD EASILY MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE TO
715 MILLION TONS.

3. 10 MONTH PRODUCTION STATISTICS, PROJECTED TO END OF
1976, WOULD INDEED RESULT IN PRODUCTION OF BETWEEN 708-710
MILLION TONS. IN ORDER TO ATTAIN 715 MILLION TON RESULT,

USSR WOULD HAVE NEEDED TO PRODUCE 62 MILLION TONS MONTHLY
IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. THIS RESULT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED
BEFORE, BUT NEVER IN CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.
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